# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Affordable Medical Education
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that graduate and post graduate medical education have become very expensive and is out of reach of the poor and middle class people;

(b) if so, whether the Government has any scheme to make medical education affordable for everyone; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) to (c): The Graduate and Post Graduate Medical Education remains highly subsidized in the case of Government Medical Colleges. Further, the students receive stipend while doing internship and residency.
In the case of private unaided medical colleges, the fee structure is decided by the Committee set up by the respective State Government under the Chairmanship of a retired High Court Judge in pursuance of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. It is for the Committee to decide whether the fee proposed by an Institute is justified and the fee fixed by the Committee is binding on the Institute. As per MCI regulations, private medical institutions shall pay stipend to post graduate students at par with Government colleges in the State.
Introduction of a uniform entrance examination namely National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) and Combined Counseling for admission to all Under-Graduate/Post-Graduate medical courses across the country will bring transparency and curb malpractices in the admission process. This will also help in admitting the deserving and eligible candidate to the UG/PG medical courses.
The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored scheme to establish new medical colleges in underserved areas in the country. 58 districts in 20 States/UT have been selected. 53 colleges have been approved under the scheme for establishment and a sum of Rs. 1953.42 crore has been released to the States/UT. 5 colleges have already become functional. The scheme will increase the availability of Government seats.
Recently the teacher student ratio has been revised only for Government medical colleges in clinical subjects and as a result 2990 additional MD/MS seats have become available in the Government sector.
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